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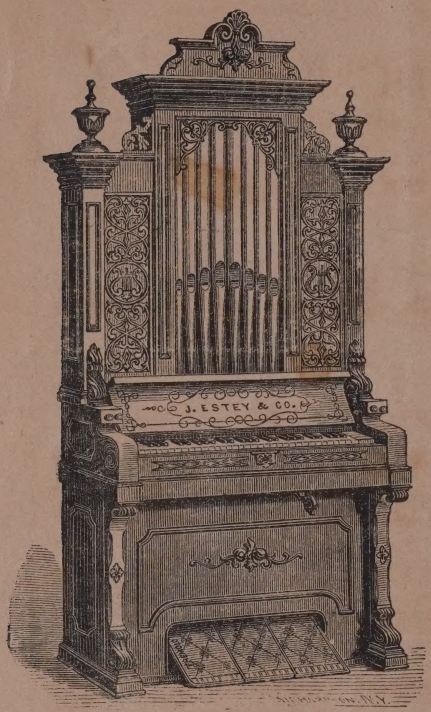

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Rev. G. A. Long, President.....N. T. Stephensburg, Va.
" J A. Snyder, Secretary.....New Market, Va.
" L. Keller, Treasurer.....Woodstock, Va.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Revs. T. W. Dosh, J. I. Miller, D. H. Bittle.

EDUCATION AND HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

(The Officers of Synod as above.)

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT YEAR.

On Education— Rev. A. A. J. Bushong, Principal, Rev. L. Keller, Alternate.
On Home Missions— " P. Miller, " " C. Beard, "
On Ordination— " D. H. Bittle, " " J. Summers, "

DELEGATES TO SISTER SYNODS.

To the Tennessee Synod, (1869)—
Rev. J. I. Miller, Principal, Rev. C. Beard, Alternate.

To Synod of South-Western Va. (1869)—
Rev. A. A. J. Bushong, Principal, Rev. J. M. Schreckhise, Alternate.

To Melancthon Synod—
Rev. D. H. Bittle, Principal, T. W. Dosh, Alternate.

To Maryland Synod—
Rev. J. F. Campbell, Principal, J. H. Cupp, Alternate.

☞The Fortieth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia will be held in the Lutheran Church, near Madison C. H., Madison County, Va., commencing on Thursday evening, October 14th, 1869.

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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-NINTH CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

THE Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia, which had adjourned to meet on the 28th of October, 1868, was convened at the call of the President, from special considerations, on September 24th, 1868, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of West Union, Preston County, West Virginia. The opening sermon was preached by the Secretary, Rev. P. MILLER, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 24, 1868.

The President, Rev. J. H. CUPP, opened Synod according to the liturgical form prescribed in the "Book of Worship."

The clerical roll was then called, lay delegates were received, and the names of those entitled to seats in this Convention were registered as follows:

MEMBERS OF SYNOD.

MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	POST-OFFICE.	LAY DELEGATES.
PROF J. B. DAVIS*	1835	*Salem, Roanoke Co., Va*	
REV. I. BAKER*	1843	*N. T. Stephensburg, Va*	
" J. F. CAMPBELL*	1845	*Strasburg, Va*	
" D. H. BITTLE	——	*Shepherdstown, W. Va*	W. M. LEMEN.
" J. SUMMERS	1847	*Hayfield, Va*	GEO. H. LEWIS.
" L. KELLER	1851	*Woodstock, Va*	
" J. W. MILLER	1851	*Racine, Ohio*	
" C. BEARD	1852	*Waynesboro', Va*	H. A. HARNER.
" W. RUSMISELL*	1854	*Strasburg, Va*	

*Absent.

Ministers.	Ordained.	Post-Office.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. J. H. Cupp	1855	*German Settlement, W. Va*	J. H. Wilson.
" A. A. J. Bushong	——	*Middlebrook, Va*	G. W. Shuey.
" J. M. Schreckhise	1858	*Moffatt's Creek, Va*	J. R. Buchanan.
" T. W. Dosh	1859	*Winchester, Va*	Edward Hoffman.
" J. A. Snyder	1859	*New Market, Va*	Geo. Zirkle.*
" J. I. Miller	1859	*Staunton, Va*	Prof. E. L. Ide.
" *W. S. McClanahan	1859		
" G. A. Long	1860	*N. T. Stephensburg, Va*	
" P. Miller	1860	*Wardensville, W. Va*	S. R. Gray.
" G. W. Holland	1864	*Harrisonburg, Va*	
" *Wm. H. Dinkle	1866	*Bridgewater, Va*	

Licentiates.	Licensed.		
Rev. R. C. Holland	1868	*Madison C. H. Va*	
" B. C. Wayman	1868		

Advisory Members.

Rev. G. F. Schaffer, ... *Of the Synod of Central Pennsylvania.*
" S. H. Swingle, ... " *Pittsburg Synod.*
" M. Powel, ... " *M. E. Church.*

The retiring officers of the Synod then submitted the following reports:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Beloved Brethren: "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

By the tender mercies of God, we are again together in Synodical Convention. Another year of our ministerial work has been done, and we are that much nearer the "recompense of reward,"—that much nearer, if faithful to our Divine Master, to the blessed period, when we "shall rest from our labors." It is a trnth which should impress us with a sense of the fearful importance of our holy office, that for another year, we have been "a savor of life unto life or of death unto death," unto those to whom we have ministered in holy things. To what extent our efforts have been successful, the records of eternity alone will show.

The propitious circumstances under which we meet to-day, call upon us for a tribute of the most profound gratitude to Almighty God for his kind and providential care over us, as a Synod, during the past year. While many other watchmen have fallen at their posts, not one of our number, to my knowledge, has been disabled by disease or accident, or fallen a victim to death.

The loved ones of our hearts and homes have also been spared us. Peace and plenty have caused a return of joy and gladness to many hearts.

The fields and labors of our people, generally, have been crowned with an abundant harvest—giving "seed to the sower and bread to the eater."

The productive lands, the genial climate, and the industry of the people of our inexhaustible "Old Dominion," have, under the favor of Heaven, enabled our people to recover very rapidly from their past calamities.

For all which blessings, we should give glory, and honor, and thanksgiving to the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift.

O that men would praise the Lord, for his loving kindness, and all the tender mercies which he has conferred upon us!

I now proceed to lay before you the report of my official acts, and a statement of what has taken place within our bounds during the last Synodical year.

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*Absent.

RESIGNATIONS AND REMOVALS.

October the 22d, I received a letter from Rev. *J. D. Shirey*, requesting a Certificate of honorable dismission from this body, to the Synod of South-Western Virginia, in the bounds of which he had accepted a field of labor. I at once complied with his request.

October 30th, Rev. *J. F. Campbell* notified me that he had resigned the Shepherdstown charge, his resignation to take effect January 1st, 1868.

Sometime in the early part of Summer, Rev. *W. S. McClanahan* informed me that he had left Harrisonburg, and for the time being, had taken up his residence in South-Western Virginia, but did not request a dismission from our Synod.

April 5th, Rev. *D. A. Kuhn* of the Melancthon Synod, wrote me that he had resigned the Smithfield charge, and urged the necessity of our Synod's endeavoring to send an immediate supply to those people. I at once wrote to several neighboring Brethren, if possible, to give them occasional preaching.

These frequent ministerial changes are certainly very prejudicial to the welfare of our Churches, and the cause which produces them exceedingly deplorable, since the permanency and usefulness of our pastoral relations, might be greatly promoted, and the mischief to a great extent, prevented, by giving our preachers an adequate and living support.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

January 9th, Rev. *G W. Holland* wrote and informed me that he had accepted a call from the Harrisonburg charge, and had entered upon his work.

February 29th, Rev. *A. A. J. Bushong* notified me that he had accepted a call from the Mount Tabor charge in Augusta County, and would preach his first sermon to that people on the 3d Sabbath of the same month. This brother has not yet forwarded his certificate of dismission to our Synod, but we presume it will be done at this meeting.

June 3d, Rev *D. H. Bittle* informed me that in obedience to a call from the Shepherdstown charge, he had entered upon his labors in that field. He subsequently forwarded to me his certificate of honorable dismission from the Synod of South-Western Virginia, to our body, and has thus become a member of our Synod.

We most heartily welcome these worthy brethren into our midst, and hope they will find their present fields of labor, those of great usefulness and comfort.

DEDICATION, &C.

Sometime last March, I was informed that the Church in Harrisonburg, having been thoroughly repaired and refitted, was re-dedicated to the service of the Triune God. Rev. *J. I. Miller*, and Rev. *W. S. McClanahan*, and Rev. *L. Keller*, officiating on the occasion.

I am glad to inform Synod, also, that all four of the Churches in my charge, have, during the past year, been painted, and have otherwise undergone great improvement, as temples of the Most High. This is certainly progress in the right direction.

VACANCIES.

The Madison, Churchville, and Smithfield charges are still vacant. It will be the duty of Synod to appoint supplies for these charges until they secure their own pastors, which we hope, will be ere long.

CORRESPONDENCE.

In accordance with instructions received at the last meeting of our Synod, I opened a correspondence with the Presidents of the Maryland and Melancthon Synods in reference to their irregular and uncivil procedure with the Martinsburg and Smithfield charges, from both of whom I have received letters, which are herewith submitted for your consideration and action, at our present meeting. We hope that the action taken at this time, on this vexatious subject, will result in a prudent, just and *final* settlement of this whole matter.

I have also, in compliance with my instructions, written to the pastors of the German Lutheran Churches in Richmond, in reference to the practicability of our Synod's establishing an English Mission in that City. From the information received, I did not think it advisable at present to send a man there to make a personal inspection of that field. The Revs. *Gross* and *Lochner*, both, however, treated the proposition with Christian courtesy and kindness, and expressed the earnest wish that an English Mission might be established in the City of Richmond.

I herewith submit their letters upon that subject.

VISITS MADE.

In December last, I visited Grafton in Taylor County, and Clarksburg in Harrison County, for the purpose of gathering together, and preaching to the scattered members of our Lutheran Fold, in those places. I found that the people of our faith in Grafton, had engaged the services of a Lutheran preacher from Wheeling, who can preach both English and German, and therefore, better suited for the place. This being the case, my services were not needed, and I therefore gave Grafton no further attention.

In and about Clarksburg, we have several very worthy and influential members of our Church, who would doubtless form the nucleus of a flourishing Lutheran Congregation there, if we had the man and means to occupy the field. I by request, preached for them four sermons, but owing to the multitude of my labors at home, could promise them no further attention.

In May last I visited Centre Church in Barbour County, and found our cause there in a sinking condition, for want of a pastor and proper management. Their isolated situation renders it impossible for any member of our Synod, at present, to give them sufficient attention. I preached for them several times, and advised them to keep up their Prayer Meeting and Sunday School, and keep together, and edify each other, as best they could; but I could promise them no further attention.

Thence I went to the mountains in Tucker County, at the earnest and persistent request of about a half dozen Lutheran families there, organized them into a Society by electing and installing several officers, to lead their meetings, and keep them together. I baptized nine children for them, and also baptized and confirmed two adults, and gave them the same advice I gave to Centre Church in Barbour County. I commend these destitute people to the favorable consideration and notice of this Synod. I have been informed that they would have a delegate present at this meeting, to make a full statement of their desires and wants to this body.

ELECTIONS.

As our General Synod will not meet until the Spring of 1870, it will not be necessary to elect delegates to that body, until our next meeting.

OUR BENEFICIARY.

Mr. *Edward E. Sibole* is still prosecuting his studies at Roanoke College, and will be an applicant for the continued aid of Synod His character bill shows that his standing at that Institution is high, both as a scholar and as a Christian. I have no hesitancy in recommending him for continued aid.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

As Churchville is the place of my nativity, and was the home of my youth, and the Church there, the nursing mother of my spiritual infancy, I am well acquainted with the condition of things there, and feel it my duty to recommend to Synod either to make an appropriation to assist that charge in supporting their own pastor, or for the present, annex it to the Staunton pastorate, which I believe would be the more judicious.

If we can get the man and means, I would also recommend to Synod, the appointment of an Evangelist for Randolph, Tucker, Barbour and Harrison Counties, as I am satisfied from personal knowledge and observation, that there is a field of great usefulness for our Church open there.

It is well known to all who are acquainted with the history of our Church in this Country, that the number of people professing to be Lutherans is very great. That the faith of many does not correspond with their profession. That the practice of many answers neither to their profession nor to their faith.

It is evident to all that such diversity and inconsistency among those professing the same faith, are great hindrances to our progress and success in doing the work which God has placed before us as the Church of the great Reformation. In order that we may be true to ourselves, true to our Church, and true to our God, we must seek to spiritualize, harmonize and Lutheranize these discordant elements. Now I conceive that *one* great desideratum for the accomplishment of this very desirable and necessary object, has been supplied us in our Book of Worship, which has made its appearance during the last Synodical year, and which has already been used very successfully and beneficially in most of our Churches. I most earnestly recommend that all the Churches under our jurisdiction, which have not yet adopted this Book, make a faithful effort to do so as soon as possible, that it may be known and read of all men, that we have "One Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism."

And now, Brethren, thanking you for the confidence reposed in me, and asking due allowance for the imperfections that have attended the discharge of my official duties, I return to you the trust committed to me, praying the great "Shepherd and Bishop" to preside over and guide all the deliberations of our present meeting to the greater prosperity of the Church and the honor and glory of his "High and Holy Name."

J. H. CUPP, *President.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary respectfully reports that, as directed by Synod, he had an abstract of the proceedings of our last Convention published in the "Evangelical Lutheran" and "Lutheran Visitor," which abstract appeared in a short time after the adjournment of Synod.

He also had 1,000 copies of the Minutes published, and distributed in proportion to the membership of the several charges.

As required by resolution XXXIV. I have made a transcript of our Minutes from the printed proceedings, commencing with the Minutes of 1857. The Minutes of last year are not yet recorded entire, but I expect to finish the same soon.

I have filled 337 pages of the Ledger, exclusive of what has been recorded of last year's proceedings, for which I am entitled to $40.20 at the rate allowed Rev. X. J. Richardson in 1852.

The following statement of receipts and disbursements is presented:

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia in account with P. MILLER.

1867.	DR.		
September.—To cash received for advertisements			$65 00
" " " from Treasurer			35 00
			$100 00
1867.	CR.		
October.—To bill of William K. Boyle, of Baltimore, for printing 1,000 copies of Minutes of Synod		$100 00	
" To Express and Postage paid by Rev. T. W. Dosh		5 25	
" To Stationery and Postage paid by self		1 69	
			$106 94
Balance due me			$6 94

September 25th, 1868. P. MILLER, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

G. A. LONG *in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia.*

1867.				DR.	
August	9th—	To cash from former Treasurer			$207 51
"	9th—	"	received at Synod from Pastors		694 19
"	11th—	"	"	from Education Society	79 00
"	13th—	"	"	" Home Missionary Society	90 00
					$1,070 70

1867.				CR.		
August	12th—	By cash paid		S. Rudolph, per order	$2 27	
"	12th—	"	"	Rev. Cupp, per order	8 40	
"	12th—	"	"	E. E. Sibole, student	100 00	
"	13th—	"	"	Rev. McClanahan, Missionary	260 00	
"	13th—	"	"	Rev. Dosh and Col. J. S. Pifer	14 50	
"	30th—	"	"	Rev. Dosh, ex Secretary of Synod	16 75	
September	3rd—	"	"	Rev. Rusmisell, per order	25 00	
December	18th—	"	"	" "	25 00	
"	18th—	"	"	Rev. G. A. Long, per order	25 00	
1868.						
January	23rd—	"	"	Rev. G. W. Holland, per order	25 00	
"	23rd—	"	"	Rev. G. A. Long, "	25 00	
February	24th—	"	"	Rev. McClanahan, for Harrisonburg Church	100 00	
March	3rd—	"	"	Rev. Rusmisell	25 00	
"	3rd—	"	"	E. E. Sibole, student	50 00	
"	3rd—	"	"	P. O. envelopes and transmitting money	55	
May	8th—	"	"	Rev. G. W. Holland	50 00	
"	8th—	"	"	P. O. for registered letter	20	
June	5th—	"	"	E. E. Sibole	50 00	
"	5th—	"	"	P. O. for registered letter	20	
"	5th—	"	"	Rev. G. A. Long, per order	50 00	
1867.						
October	3rd—	"	"	Secretary for printing Minutes	35 00	
"	3rd—	"	"	for Postage Stamps	1 00	
						$888 87
						$181 83
				By cash from sources unknown		2 15
1868.						
September	25th—	Cash in treasury				$183 98

G. A. LONG, *Treasurer.*

These reports were received and held for future action.

OFFICERS.

Synod then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

REV. G. A. LONG, ... *President.*
" J. A. SNYDER, ... *Secretary.*
" L. KELLER, ... *Treasurer.*

Rev. *G. F. Schaeffer*, of the Synod of Central Pennsylvania, and Rev. *S. H. Swingle*, of the Pittsburg Synod, were invited to seats as advisory members.

I. Resolved, *That* the Minutes of last Synod be referred to a committee who shall present such items as may demand the attention of Synod.

II. Resolved, *That* the President announce the appointment of the necessary committees at the opening of the afternoon session.

III. Resolved, *That* the officers of Synod, with the Pastor *loci*, be a committee on devotional exercises.

IV. Resolved, *That* during this convention of Synod, its sessions be opened daily at 9 o'clock A. M. and at 2½ o'clock P. M.; and also that a meeting for social prayer be held daily at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. P. Miller.

At 11 o'clock A. M. the Synodical Sermon was preached by the former President, Rev. J. H. Cupp, from Isaiah 21: 12—"The morning cometh, and also the night."

SECOND SESSION.

September 25—2½ o'clock P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.

Roll was called and absentees noted.

Prof. G. W. Holland, having arrived since the first session, then stated the causes of his tardiness. He was excused.

The Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

The President then announced the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

No. 1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. D. H. Bittle, C. Beard and Mr. W. Lemen.

No. 2. *On Secretary's Report.*—Revs. J. I. Miller, A. A. J. Bushong and Mr. H. A. Harner.

No. 3. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Revs. Dosh, Summers and Mr. J. Wilson.

No. 4. *On Minutes of last Synod.*—Revs. Schreckhise, Bushong and Mr. E. Hoffman.

No. 5. *On Vacant Congregations.*—Revs. Cupp, Bittle and Prof. E. L. Ide.

No. 6. *On State of Religion.*—Revs. P. Miller, C. Beard and Mr. G. H. Lewis.

No. 7. *On Ministerial Support, &c.*—Revs. J. Summers, L. Keller and Mr. W. Lemen.

No. 8. *On Letters of Excuse.*—Revs. L. Keller, G. W. Holland and Mr. S. R. Gray.

No. 9. *On Minutes of General Synod.*—Revs. Schreckhise, J. I. Miller and Mr. Shuey.

No. 10. *On Minutes of Sister Synods.*—Revs. Bushong, Cupp and Mr. Buchanan.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

No. 1. *On English Mission in Richmond.*—Revs. J. I. Miller, J. H. Cupp and Mr. E. Hoffman.

No. 2. *On Appropriations.*—Revs. T. W. Dosh, C. Beard and Prof. E. L. Ide.

No. 3. *On Petitions from Lebanon and St. Paul Congregations.*—Prof. Holland, Rev. Keller and Rev. P. Miller.

No. 4. *On Correspondence of Maryland and Melancthon Synods.*—Revs. Cupp, Bittle and J. I. Miller.

No. 5. *On Roanoke College.*—Revs. Bushong, Schreckhise and Mr. W. M. Lemen.

The Parochial Reports were then heard, after which the regular contributions were paid into the treasury. (See statistics appended.)

Revs. D. H. Bittle and J. I. Miller were added to the Examining Committee.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. H. Swingle.

At 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. M. Schreckhise preached from John 3: 16.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, September 26—8 o'clock A. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Beard.

Minutes were read and approved.

COMMITTEE No. 1 ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted the following:

The able report of the last President is faithful in giving an account of his entire official duties. It breathes the proper spirit throughout. Its recommendations and suggestions for Synodical action have all been placed in the hands of the regular committees, and therefore need not be specified.

Respectfully,

D. H. BITTLE,
C. BEARD,
W. M. LEMEN.

Adopted.

Reports from lay delegates, relative to the discharge of pastoral duty, were now heard, and referred to Committee No. 7.

V. Resolved, *That* Mr. Samuel Nestor be received as a commissioner from Mt. Zion congregation, Tucker County, West Virginia.

Report of Committee No. 2 on Secretary's Report.

The Committee on Secretary's Report have examined the same, and find the following items claiming the attention of Synod:

1st. According to resolution of Synod, the Secretary has recorded in the ledger the printed proceedings of this body to the amount of 337 pages. For this service he claims $40.20. Your committee recommend that the amount be paid him.

2nd. From this report it appears that the Synod is his debtor to the amonnt of $6.94 for expenses incurred in forwarding minutes to the brethren of Synod. We move that this also be paid by the Treasurer.

J. I. Miller,
A. A. J. Bushong,
H. A. Harner.

Adopted.

Report of Committee No. 3 on Treasurer's Account.

The Committee on Treasurer's Account have examined it, and find it correct. We recommend that the balance in his hands be transferred to the Treasurer elect.

T. W. Dosh,
J. Summers,
J. Wilson.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Revision of Constitution.

The special committee of revision of constitution made a report, in which sec. 2, ch. II., sec. 13, ch. II., sec. 1, ch. IV., and the *Order of Business* from sec. 5 to sec. 19, ch. IV., and also sec. 5, ch. IX., were changed to correspond with our present usages, as determined by Synod from year to year. Said modifications were approved.

The change proposed in the wording of question (b), sec. 5, ch. X., so as to make it conform to sec. 2, art. II., of the Constitution of the General Synod was considered until the time of adjournment.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. John H. Cupp.

At 11 o'clock A. M. Rev. G. W. Holland preached from Ezekiel 36: 22, after which the services preparatory to the Lord's Supper were attended to.

FOURTH SESSION.

Saturday, September 26—2½ P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Schreckhise.
The Minutes of morning session were read and approved.
Roll call and absentees noted.

Report of Special Committee No. 1 on Richmond Mission

Was then read as follows:

The paper placed in our hands is a letter from Prof. Yonce, Secretary of Missionary and Education Society of Synod of South-Western Virginia, containing a statement of the progress made in establishing an English Lutheran Mission in Richmond, Virginia.

We learn from this letter that Rev. Mr. Neiffer has accepted the appointment of Missionary in that city, with the promise of $250 from the Synod of South-Western Virginia and $250 from the Synod of Pennsylvania. But as $750 will be needed to carry on this mission, we are requested to co-operate by the appropriation of the additional $250.

In view of the importance of this enterprise, and the praiseworthy example of the Synods referred to, your committee recommend that this request be referred to the favorable consideration of the Committee on Appropriations.

J. I. Miller,
J. H. Cupp,
E. Hoffman.

Received and adopted.

The report of Committee on Revision of the Constitution was then resumed, and, after some discussion, the change proposed in question (b) in the ceremony of Licensure, and of Ordination, was postponed for consideration at our next annual meeting. By-Laws No. 1 and III. were altered in conformity with recent enactments of Synod. Sundry standing resolutions of Synod were incorporated with the By-Laws, and numbered severally 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. I. Miller.

At 7 o'clock P. M. Synod convened as an Education Society, when an able and instructive address was delivered, on the importance of Ministerial Education, by Rev. G. A. Long, after which—

The following Life-Members *were made:*

1. Rev. D. H. Bittle.

By W. M. Lemen	paid	$10 00

2. Rev. J. H. Cupp.

By Mrs. E. A. Startzman		$1 00
" R. Legge	paid	1 00
" Hull	"	1 00
" Sarah Wotring	"	1 00
" Priscilla Wilson		1 00
By Miss A. Startzman	paid	1 00
" Sarah Rumer		1 00
" Percy Kite		1 00
" Elizabeth Griffith		1 00
" Margery Wotring	paid	1 00

3. Mrs. Eliza Hall.

By Rev. C. Beard	paid	$10 00

4. Rev. G. A. Long.

By R. C. Holland	paid	$1 00
Prof. E. L. Ide	"	1 00
G. H. Lewis	"	1 00
T. J. Schaffer		1 00
By Thos. Startzman	paid	$1 00
N. Roth	"	1 00
Samuel Cupp		1 00
Rev. J. Summers		1 00
J. A. Snyder	paid	1 00
T. J. Schaffer	paid	1 00

5. Mrs. J. H. Cupp.

By Rev. T. W. Dosh	paid	$1 00
" P. Miller	"	1 00
" J. M. Schreckhise		1 00
" G. W. Holland	paid	1 00
By Mrs. E. Hoffman	"	1 00
Dr. Legge	"	1 00
S. R. Gray	"	1 00
G. T. Schaffer	"	1 00

6. Rev. J. H. Cupp.

By the Choir	paid	$10 00

7. Rev. J. A. Snyder.

By Rev. Cupp		$1 00
I. Painter	paid	1 50

By T. W. Dosh..... paid $1 00
G. A. Long..... " 1 00
G. W. Schaffer..... " 1 00
J. I. Miller..... " 1 00
J. H. Wilson ..... " 1 00
Mrs. J. H. Cupp..... 1 00
Rev. P. Miller..... ..paid 50

8. Rev. T. W. Dosh.

By Guss Schaffer.....paid $1 00
Mollie Schaffer..... " 1 00
G. A. Long..... ... " 1 00
J. W. Schaffer ..... " 1 00
J. I. Miller..... " 1 00
Mrs. Henrietta Schaffer.... " 1 00
Sophia Wotring..... .... " 1 00
Rebecca Schaffer..... " 1 00

9. Mrs. R. C. Holland.

Pledged by G. W. Holland.....$10 00

10. Rev. J. I. Miller.

Pledged by W. Lemen.....$10 00

11. Mrs. Dr. Legge.

Pledged by J. W. and R. C. Holland.....$10 00

12. Rev. Cupp's Children.

By J. A. Snyder.....paid $1 00
J. W. Miller..... ..... " 2 00
T. W. Dosh..... " 1 00
Harner..... ..... " 1 00
L. Keller..... " 1 00
G. F. Shaffer..... " 1 00
S. Wotring..... " 1 00
S. McCrum..... " 1 00
J. H. Stemple..... " 1 00

After which a collection was taken up amounting to $3.10.

The audience was dismissed with the benediction, and Synod then met as a Ministerium.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Rev. D. H. Bittle preached in the Evangelical Lutheran Church at 10½ o'clock A. M.; Rev. J. W. Miller at 3 o'clock P. M., after which the Lord's Supper was administered; and Rev. J. I. Miller at 7 P. M.; Rev. J. Summers at 10½ A. M. in the M. E. Church. After the sermon at night, B. C. Wayman and R. C. Holland were regularly licensed according to the formula in the Book of Worship, to do the "work of the ministry" for one year.

FIFTH SESSION.

Monday, September 28—9 o'clock A. M.

Opened with prayer by R. C. Holland.

Roll called, and Minutes of fourth session read and approved.

Report of Committee No. 7 on Ministerial Support and Pastoral Duty.

The Committee on Ministerial Support and Pastoral Duty beg to report that they learn from the statistical accounts given in, that comparatively few, if any, of the brethren receive a comfortable living from their people. They also

learn that in several instances there is a very great deficiency in payment of the amount promised. They would, however, observe that the statements of deficiency, as they will appear upon the printed Minutes, cannot be a correct criterion whereby to judge of the actual losses incurred.

Some of the brethren have, as it appears reported on the year that has not yet expired, giving the amount promised for the whole year, and the payment received up to the present, whilst the whole is not as yet due; and but few have informed us whether or not they regard the deficiency as a final loss. Many of us, however, know from experience that in most of cases there can be no sanguine hopes of profit from that which is not paid in due time.

Your committee would urge upon the churches and church councils a conscientious observance or redemption of their pledges, as we are satisfied of the fact that a failure in this is only productive of evil, and is always a serious drawback upon the cause of religion. The support of the Ministry is a Divine ordinance,—"Even so has the Lord ordained,"—and to keep back a just due is only an abomination to the Lord. We hope, indeed, that this subject may be taken into serious and prayerful consideration by all the churches in our connection.

Your committee also learn from the Reports of the Lay Delegates on Pastoral Duty that no grievous complaints have been made against any of the brethren; but, on the other hand, they seem to be "very highly esteemed for their work's sake." And thus may it ever deservedly be.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Summers,
C. Beard,
W. M. Lemen.

Adopted.

Report of Committee No. 8 on Letters of Excuse.

The papers placed in our hands are letters of excuse.

The first is a letter from Rev. W. S. McClanahan, in which he asks to be excused from attendance at the present meeting of the Synod. His reasons are of a private character, and are deemed satisfactory. We recommend that he be excused.

The second is a letter from the Rev. J. F. Campbell, making the same request, and for similar reasons. Your committee move that he be excused.

The third is a letter from Rev. Wm. Rusmisell, to the same purport, pleading ill health as the cause of his absence. Your committee recommend that he be excused for absence, but *not* for failing to send in his regular reports.

The fourth is a letter from Rev. W. H. Dinkle, asking that his absence be excused because of his physical debility, which rendered it impossible for him to be present at Synod. We move that he be excused.

The fifth is a letter from Prof. J. B Davis, of Roanoke College, stating that the duties and interests of his present position render his absence unavoidable. Your committee recommend that he be excused.

Adopted.

Letters from Delegates from other Synods.

The first of this character placed in our hands is a letter from Rev. J. S. Heilig, as Delegate elect from the Maryland Synod, assuring us of the high consideration and fraternal sympathy of his Synod, and expressing his regret that he could not meet with us; therefore,

VI. Resolved, *That* we sincerely desire to reciprocate the kind assurances of the Maryland Synod thus communicated, and hope that every barrier to a full reciprocity of Christian confidence will speedily be removed by them; also, that we regret the absence of their Delegate.

The second is a letter from Rev. H. G. Bowers, the Delegate appointed to this Convention by the Melancthon Synod. This also expresses kind feelings toward us on the part of that Synod; therefore,

VII. Resolved, *That* it is our desire to maintain the most amicable and fraternal relations with the Melancthon Synod.

L. Keller,
Geo. W. Holland,
S. R. Gray.

Adopted.

Report of Special Committee No. 4 on Correspondence with Maryland and Melancthon Synods.

Your committee would report that the papers placed in their hands are letters from the Presidents of the Maryland and Melancthon Synods, the Secretary of the Melancthon Synod, and two from Rev. D. H. Kuhn. These letters refer to the irregular action of the above Synods with reference to the Smithfield and Martinsburg charges, and are answers to the letters written by our former President, as instructed by Synod concerning the above matter.

Your committee are constrained to say that the letter from the President of the Maryland Synod is exceedingly unsatisfactory, and is but a repetition of the spirit of the prayer of the Pharisee, "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are," and has not touched the real merits of the question, which does not turn, as he would seem to think, upon the irrelevant issues about political opinions as tests of ecclesiastical orthodoxy.

Believing that the Martinsburg charge was not received into the Maryland Synod in accordance with the wishes of a majority of the rightful voters of said charge, we claim that it is still properly within our Synodical jurisdiction.

But as the only bar before which we can lay our grievances is that of Christian ethics, and, this having failed, of course we have no other mode of redress, though still re-affirming our rights.

We are happy to state, on the contrary, that the action of the Melancthon Synod, as reported through its Secretary, is in a high degree satisfactory, and deserving of all commendation, as is the spirit breathed in the letters of Rev. D. H. Kuhn, late pastor of the Smithfield charge.

Your committee would offer the following resolutions:

VIII. Resolved, *That* inasmuch as Rev. Kuhn has resigned the Smithfield charge, we appropriate $100 towards the support of a Missionary in that field.

IX. Resolved, *That* Rev. W. S. McClanahan be requested to act as our Missionary in the Smithfield charge, and that he also be instructed to visit the Martinsburg charge, and serve them, if desired, to the extent of his ability, in connection with the other duties assigned, until they be regularly supplied.

X. Resolved, *That* so much of this Report as refers to the Maryland and Melancthon Synods be forwarded by the Secretary to their respective Presidents.

J. I. Miller,
D. H. Bittle,
J. H. Cupp.

Adopted by items and as a whole.

XI. Resolved, *That* the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to L. M. Cole, General Ticket Agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, for the favor extended the clerical members of Synod in granting them half-fare tickets on said road, and that the Secretary be requested to forward him a copy of this resolution.

Report of Committee No. 4 on Minutes of Last Synod.

Your committee have examined the Minutes, and find the following items claiming Synod's investigation:

1. Did the President of Synod correspond with the German Lutheran Ministers of Richmond in reference to the organization of an English Evangelical Lutheran congregation in that city? (*Ans.*—He did.)

2. Were the resolutions 17, 18 and 19, in reference to the Seventh Jubilee of the Reformation, complied with? (*Ans.* in the affirmative.)
3. Were collections taken up for the objects specified? (*Ans.*—In part.)
4. Did the Delegates elected to represent us in the General Synod attend its last convention? (*Ans.*—The Clerical Delegates did.)
5. Did the Delegates to sister Synods attend? (*Ans.* in the negative.)
6. Have St. Paul's and Newtown congregations reported the result of their effort to co-operate as one charge, as recommended by Synod? (*Ans.* negatively.)
7. Are the committee appointed to draft a Constitution for the management of the Educational and Missionary interests of Synod ready to report? (*Ans.*—No.)
8. Was the the Report on the "State of Religion" published as directed? (*Ans* —Yes.)

J. M. Schreckhise,
A. A. J. Bushong,
E. Hoffman.

Adopted.

Report of Special Committee No. 5 on Roanoke College.

Your committee, to whom was referred the annual Report of Roanoke College, would state that this Institution is in a most flourishing condition. It now has the largest number of students that have ever been enrolled thus early in the session. Truly "the morning cometh" to Roanoke College.

This Institution, under the fostering care of our Evangelical Lutheran Church, compares favorably with any similar Institution in the State. It deserves our continued confidence and prompt support.

We recommend that one-half of our Jubilee fund in hand be forwarded to Roanoke College for its immediate benefit, and that the remaining half be given it in trust until required by this body.

A. A. J. Bushong,
J. M. Schreckhise,
W. M. Lemen.

Adopted.

Report of Special Committee No. 3 on Petitions.

Your Committee on Petitions offer the following :

The first paper in our hands is a petition from the Lebanon and St. Paul's congregations, asking to be permitted to resume their former relations as one charge.

After due consideration, your committee recommend the following :

XII. Resolved, *That* though this Synod feels constrained to express its disapprobation of the unwilling and inefficient manner in which St. Paul's congregation complied with our recommendation of last year, as well as of the concealed manner in which they got up said petition, *without the knowledge* of our Missionary, Rev. G. A. Long, their petition is now granted, on condition that the Strasburg congregation consent to the arrangement, and be willing to unite with the Newtown congregation as one pastorate.

The second is a petition from Mount Zion's Church, lately organized in Tucker County, West Virginia, praying that the service of a pastor be furnished them if possible.

Your committee recommend the following :

1. That Mount Zion's Church, Tucker County, and Centre Church, Barbour County, form one pastorate.

2 That until the services of a pastor be secured, Rev. J. H. Cupp be requested to serve the Mount Zion's congregation as frequently as possible, on condition that he be properly compensated for such services.

Geo. W. Holland,
Levi Keller,
P. Miller.

Report of Committee No. 5 on Vacant Congregations.

The Committee on Vacancies find that the Martinsburg, Smithfield, and Churchville charges are now vacant. We move, therefore, that the President of Synod exert himself to obtain pastors for these charges as soon as possible, and that as long as they are vacant he appoint supplies to give them occasional preaching.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. Cupp,
D. H. Bittle,
E. L. Ide

XIII. Resolved, *That* Revs. G. W. Holland, J. A. Snyder and L. Keller be directed to visit and preach for the Monger congregation, in Page County, and dedicate their church when completed.

Revs. D. H. Bittle, G. W. Holland, T. W. Dosh, J. I. Miller and Messrs. E. Hoffman, G. W. Shuey and H. Harner were excused from attendance upon the remaining sessions of Synod.

Report of Committee No. 9 on Minutes of General Synod.

This body convened in Newberry, South Carolina, on the 21st day of May, 1868. Its officers are Rev. D. M. Gilbert, President; Rev. Prof. L. A. Bickle, Secretary, and R. G. Chisholm, Esq., Treasurer.

The following District Synods were represented in this body, viz: Synod of North Carolina, Synod of South Carolina, Synod of Virginia and Synod of Georgia.

The Holston Synod was received into connection with this body, and the name of its Delegate entered upon the roll of Synod.

Although there are many things of interest in the Minutes, the only items demanding action by this Synod are the following resolutions: First—Resolutions Nos. 16, 17, page 20, concerning the payment of our proportion of the salary of our Theological Professor, for the year ending October, 1868, and concerning the taking of collections in our churches to sustain him. The committee direct attention, also, to Resolution 21, page 22, in reference to the inexpediency of the General Synod's continuing longer to endorse any paper as its organ, and selecting an editor for its conduct, and "that in view of these facts, we leave the publication of papers of the Church to individual enterprise, and their success to their respective merits."

The next convention of this body will be held at Winchester, Virginia, on Thursday before Trinity Sabbath, 1870.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. Schreckhise,
J. I. Miller,
G. W. Shuey.

Report adopted, and the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas, We have been credibly assured that an adjustment, equitable and honorable, has been proposed to the publisher of the *Evangelical Lutheran* and declined by him; and, *whereas*, we believe the *Lutheran and Visitor* to be a paper worthy of the patronage of the entire Church; therefore,

XIV. Resolved, *That* we do recommend it to all our people.

XV. Resolved, *That* we have undiminished and abiding confidence in the integrity and fairness of Revs. Rude and Miller, the editors of said paper, as brethren long and well known to us all.

XVI. Resolved, *That* the publishers of the *Lutheran and Visitor*, whom we regard as honorable business men, be requested to renew their propositions for the settlement of the question between themselves and the publisher of the *Evangelical Lutheran*.

Rev. M. Powell, of the M. E. Church, was introduced and invited to a seat as an advisory member of Synod.

Place and Time of Next Meeting.

Synod now proceeded to the selection of the place for our next meeting. Shepherdstown and Madison were proposed. The election resulted in favor of Madison. The time, by the action of Synod, is the Thursday evening next preceding the full moon in October, 1869.

Minutes of this session were read and approved.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. M. Schreckhise.

SIXTH SESSION.

Monday—2½ P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. Summers.

The roll called and absentees noted.

Report of Committee No. 10 on Minutes of Sister Synods.

Your committee have examined the Minutes of the Melancthon, South Carolina, Central Pennsylvania and Maryland Synods, and find nothing in them demanding the attention of this body, excepting the appropriation of $50 by the Melancthon Synod for the repairing of the church at Harper's Ferry; therefore,

XVII. Resolved, *That* the thanks of this Synod are due, and are hereby returned them for this appropriation.

A. A. J. Bushong,
J. H. Cupp,
J. R. Buchanan.

Adopted.

Speakers.

The following Speakers were elected for the next meeting of Synod:

HOME MISSIONS.

Principals.	*Alternates.*
Rev. C. Beard.	Rev. J. M. Schreckhise.

EDUCATION.

Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.	Rev. L. Keller.

ORDINATION.

Rev. D. H. Bittle.	Rev. J. Summers.

Delegates to Other Synods.

To the Synod of South-Western Va. (1869)—

Rev. A. A. J. Bushong, Principal, Rev. J. M. Schreckhise, Alternate.

To the Tennessee Synod, (1869)—

Rev. J. I. Miller, Principal, Rev. C. Beard, Alternate.

To Melancthon Synod—

Rev. D. H. Bittle, Principal, Rev. T. W. Dosh, Alternate.

To Maryland Synod—

Rev. J. F. Campbell, Principal, Rev. J. H. Cupp, Alternate.

Report of Committee No. 6 on the State of Religion.

Your committee are gratified that, from the reports of the several pastors, we are warranted in saying that vital piety is increasing within our bounds. Some of the brethren report a goodly number of accessions to the Church from their catechetical classes, and some report revivals in connection with special services held by them. Churches have been refitted, and thereby made comfortable and attractive, whilst others are in process of erection. Several charges are preparing to build parsonages.

We think all these things indicate an increase in vital piety.

But we must also report that there is much to deplore, as seen in the lukewarmness, indifference and inconsistency of many who call themselves Christians.

P. Miller,
C. Beard,
G. H. Lewis.

XVIII. Resolved, *That* the Secretary have published 1,000 copies of the Minutes of this convention.

XIX. Resolved, *That* the Secretary have an abstract of the proceedings of this convention published in the *Lutheran and Visitor*.

XX. Resolved, *That* the President be instructed to return, publicly, our sincere thanks to the congregation and citizens of this vicinity, whose hospitality we have so largely shared during our sojourn among them.

Report of Special Committee No. 2 on Appropriations.

XXI. Resolved, *That* the following appropriations be made:

For Harrisonburg (if needed)	$ 100 00
For E. Sibole	200 00
For Staunton (provided the congregation raise $100)	100 00
For Richmond (English Mission)	250 00
For Smithfield	100 00
For Prof. J. P. Smeltzer	135 00
For expenses of Delegates to General Synod	119 15
For Vastine Stickley	100 00
For Charles A. Marks	50 00
For Mr. Buchanan	20 00
	$1,174 15

T. W. Dosh,
C. Beard,
E. L. Ide.

XXII. Resolved, *That* the Secretary draw upon the Treasurer for the amount expended for printing Minutes of this convention.

XXIII. Resolved, *That* in view of our embarrassed and straightened circumstances for lack of means to carry on our benevolent operations, our Treasurer be required to collect the money due us from Revs. V. F. Bolton, G. W. Anderson and Messrs. J. F. Deiffenderfer and Joseph P. Lemley.

Synod adjourned with prayer.

SEVENTH SESSION.

7 o'clock P. M.

Synod met as a Missionary Society, and, after several addresses were made, the following Life Members were enrolled:

1. Mrs. Dr. Legge.

By W. Lemen.....paid $5 00

2. Mrs. Diana Schaffer.

By Rev C. Beard.....paid $5 00

3 Mrs. Rev. P. Miller.

By a friend.....paid $5 00

4. Rev. P. Miller.

By Rev. G. A. Long.....paid $1 00
S. R. Gray..... " 1 00
Charles Mayer ..... " 1 00
Rev. J. A. Snyder..... " 1 00
H. A. Harner..... " 1 00

5. Mrs. Samuel Cupp.

By Rev. G. A. Long.....paid $2 00
Rev. J. W. Miller..... " 1 00
Franklin Painter. 1 00
J. M. Schreckhise... ..... 1 00

6. J. W. Miller

By the Choir.....paid $5 00

7. Rev. L. Keller.

By Miss Rebecca Schaffer..... $2 50
Miss Henrietta Schaffer..... 2 50

8. Rev. J. M. Schreckhise.

By J. W. Schaffer.....paid $1 00
D. Stemple..... " 1 00

9. Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.

By Mrs. E. Hull..... .....paid $1 00
Mrs. Diana Schaffer..... " 1 00
Mr. John Schaffer..... " 1 00
Miss Mary Schaffer..... " 1 00
Mrs. Pracilla Daniels..... " 1 00

10. Mrs P. Wilson.

By Rev. B. C. Wayman.....paid $2 50
R. C. Holland..... " 2 50

11. Rev. J. Summers.

By Miss Margery Wotring..... $2 50
Miss Sophia Wotring..... 2 50

12. Rev. G. F. Schaffer.

By Miss Ann Startzman.....paid $5 00

13. Rev. J. H. Cupp.

By the Congregation.....paid $5 00

14. Mrs. Sarah Ridenour.

Pl'g'd by Rev. A. A. J. Bushong $5 00

15. Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.

By Mr. David Snyder.....paid $5 00

16. Rev. G. A. Long.

By Philo Wise.....paid $5 00

XXIV. Resolved, *That* we now adjourn to meet at the time and place already appointed.

The President closed the Synod according to the prescribed form.

J. A. Snyder, *Secretary.*

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, September 25—9 o'clock P. M.

After evening service the Ministerium was convened at the call of the President, and opened with prayer by Prof. G. W. Holland.

R. C. Holland and B. C. Wayman were present, and made application for license to preach the Gospel.

Charles A. Marks and V. Stickley, though not present, were applicants, through Revs. Miller and Dosh, for aid in the prosecution of their studies for the Christian Ministry.

These applications were held for future consideration.

On motion, the Ministerium adjourned to meet as an Examining Committee the next morning.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Snyder.

SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY—8 o'clock A. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Schreckhise.

The applications for license by B. C. Wayman and R. C. Holland were further considered, and after a satisfactory answer to all the questions put to them, the following resolutions were adopted:

I. RESOLVED, *That* license be granted these brethren, and that they be licensed on Sabbath night.

II. RESOLVED, *That* they be required to pursue a regular course of study during the year, and be examined by the Potomac Conference at its Spring meeting. The studies assigned are the Greek Testament, Systemtic Theology, Church History and the Evidences of Christianity.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Summers.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY—5 o'clock P. M.

Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

III. Resolved, *That* Vastine Stickley be received as a beneficiary, and recommended to Synod for aid to prosecute his studies at Roanoke College.

IV. Resolved, *That* Charles A. Marks be recommended for similar aid.

Mr. Buchanan having reported to the Ministerium as previously advised, it was—

V. Resolved, *That*, in view of the depleted state of the Treasury, he be instructed to continue his studies privately, but that Synod be requested to donate $20 toward defraying his travelling expenses to and from this convention.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. W. Miller.

I certify that the foregoing is a true record of the proceedings of the thirty-ninth convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Virginia, held at West Union, Preston County, West Virginia, from the 24th to the 29th of September, 1868.

J. A. SNYDER, *Secretary.*

STATISTICS COMPILED FROM THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Congregations.	B'PTISMS		Confirmations.	Rec'd by Certificate.	Communicants.	Removed.	Deaths of Members.	Funerals.	SABBATH SCHOOLS.							AM'NTS PAID INTO SYN. TREAS'Y.		Prayer Meetings.	Local Objects.	General Benevolence.	PASTORS' SALARIES.		Perquisites.	Jubilee Fund.
											Lutheran.			*Union.*												
			Infant.	Adult.							Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	For Printing Minutes.	For Missions and Education.				Promised.	Paid.		
Gravel Spring..	Rev. J. Summers.....	4	4	1	3	1	280	..	2	6	4	...	....	..	..	...	$5.00	$25.00	3	.....	$9.20	$391.00	$354.00	$43.00	*$7.33
Shepherdstown	" D. H. Bittle.. ...	1	7	1	14	6	240	1	4	10	1	26	175	1	12	50	5.00	69.70	2	$5000.00	.....	.....	.....	... .	*58.70
Woodstock.....	" L. Keller.....	4	35	14	34	5	230	1	6	22	3	...	....	1	..	...	5.00	9.27	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 25
Mason.....	" J. W. Miller.....	1	10	....	7	..	87	..	..	4	..	..	....	1	7	49	5.00	12.00	..	.....	.....	200.00	95.00	26.50	.....
Waynesboro'...	" C. Beard.....	3	8	13	25	5	210	3	3	12	3	...	85	..	..	...	5.00	35.15	2	50.00	.....	400.00	300.00	50.00	.....
Strasburg	" Wm. Rusmisell..	2	8	13	12	..	241	4	..	4	2	23	150	..	..	...	5.00	20.40	2	140.00	75.00	.....	.....	... .	.....
Preston	" J. H. Cupp.....	5	19	4	26	2	245	1	4	6	4	26	200	..	..	...	5.00	75.80	1	800.00	.....	719.00	275.00	.....	*8.50
Newport.....	" J. M. Schreckhise	5	1	5	15	2	158	3	1	7	..	..	....	3	25	120	5.00	15.00	2	.....	15.00	439.00	428.25	30.00	15.00
Winchester	" T. W. Dosh.....	1	10	2	2	6	220	2	3	20	1	32	220	..	.	...	5.99	171.00	1	443.00	549.00	750.00	.....	205.00	375.00
New Market....	" J. A. Snyder.....	3	11	11	19	2	234	2	4	7	3	...	....	..	..	...	5.00	31.75	..	175.00	.....	460.00	237.00	30.00	160.00
Staunton.....	" J. I. Miller	1	8	1	12	3	77	1	4	6	1	...	....	..	..	...	5.00	27.00	1	100.00	27.00	700.00	.....	87.00	*22.95
Newtown.....	" G. A. Long.....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	...	5.00	8.50	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Capon	" P. Miller.....	6	8	2	9	2	225	9	3	23	6	34	247	1	10	72	5.00	30.62	4	43.00	....	480.00	315.00	233.44	*35.63
Mt. Tabor.....	" A. A. J. Bushong.	1	8	1	...	..	142	1	3	6	1	10	60	..	..	...	5.00	5.00	..	.....	.....	500.00	.....	.....	.....
Harrisonburg...	" G. W. Holland...	3	3	15	3	2	90	..	2	3	1	12	70	2	25	150	5.00	7.55	2	450.00	10.00	265.00	95.00	40.00	*1.75
Madison.....	" R. C. Holland....	1	....	....	....	..	124	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	...	5.00	5.00	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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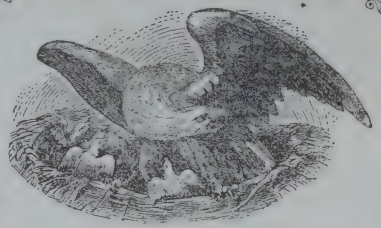

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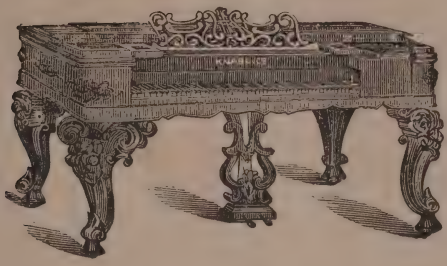

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☞ The Forty-first Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia will be held in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Shepherdstown, W. Va., commencing on Thursday evening, August 11, 1870.

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THE Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia met, according to adjournment, Oct. 14, 1869, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church near Madison C. H., Va. The opening sermon was preached by the Secretary, Rev. J. A. SNYDER, at 7 o'clock P. M.

FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 15, 1869.

The President, Rev. G. A. Long, not having yet arrived, Synod was opened by the Secretary with the usual liturgical service.

Rev. W. Eichelberger was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The clerical roll was called, lay delegates were received, and the names of those entitled to seats in this Convention were registered, as follows:

Ministers.	*Ordained.*	*Postoffice.*	*Lay Delegates.*
Rev. Prof. J. B. Davis †	1835	Salem, Va.	
" I. Baker †	1843	N. T. Stephensburg, Va.	
" J. F. Campbell *	1845	Strasburg, Va.	
" J. Summers	1847	Hayfield, Va.	
" D. H. Bittle, D.D.	1849	Shepherdstown, Va.	Jno. Keplinger
" L. Keller	1851	Woodstock, Va.	
" J. W. Miller *	1851	Racine, Ohio	
" C. Beard	1852	Waynesboro, Va.	J. J. Cullen
" W. Rusmisell *	1854	Lebanon Church, Va.	
" J. H. Cupp	1855	German Settlement, W. Va.	C. W. Mayer*
" J. M. Schreckhise	1858	Moffatt's Creek, Va.	J. W. Engleman
" T. W. Dosh	1859	Winchester, Va.	H. S. Baker
" J. A. Snyder	1859	New Market, Va.	B. F. Hoover*
" J. I. Miller †	1859	Staunton, Va.	C. A. Marks

* Absent. † Appeared after first session.

Ministers.	*Ordained.*	*Postoffice.*	*Lay Delegates.*
Rev. W. S. McClanahan.	1859	Summit Point, W. Va.	
" G. A. Long†	1860	N. T. Stephensburg, Va	
" P. Miller	1860	Wardensville, W. Va	J. Swisher
" A. A. J. Bushong		Middlebrook, Va	J. H. Clemer
" W. Eichelberger	1863	Charlestown, W. Va	
" G. W. Holland	1864	Harrisonburg, Va	S. T. Shank
" W. H. Dinkle	1866		
" J. G. Neiffer	1868	Richmond, Va	D. G. Yuengling
" R. C. Holland	1869	Madison C. H., Va	J. M. Fray, W. C. Alther

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The retiring officers of Synod submitted the following reports :

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Beloved Brethren in Christ : It is once more our happy privilege, through the all-abounding goodness of our Heavenly Father, to assemble in Synodical Convention.

With hearts overflowing with praise and unfeigned gratitude for His gracious dealings with us, as ministers of the everlasting gospel, and for the measure of success attending our labors among those committed to our care, and with an abiding reliance upon the presence and aid of the Great Head of the Church, let us enter upon the consideration of what has been done in His service, and also take counsel together for the furtherance of his cause, in a still more eminent degree, in the Church of our love and adoption.

Comparatively few official transactions have come under my notice since our last meeting.

Nov. 12, 1868, I received a letter from Rev. J. A. Snyder, asking advice with reference to the Monger Church, in Page county, Va., inasmuch as he was hindered by unforeseen circumstances from complying with the requirement of Synod. To prevent any difficulty and any unkind feeling, I suggested a compliance with an invitation given him to assist in the dedication of that church. This, I presume, he did.

About the 20th of December, 1868, Rev. J. B. Davis was appointed to install Rev. R. C. Holland pastor of the Madison Charge.

Immediately after the adjournment of Synod, I resigned the Newtown congregation, in order that the Church there might conform to the recommendation of Synod by uniting with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Strasburg, thus forming a new charge. These two churches consummated that union, and (Jan. 2, 1869,) a call was extended me, which was accepted.

Jan. 15th, Rev. W. S. McClanahan informed me that he was about entering upon his pastoral duties in the Smithfield charge.

Feb. 8th, a report was forwarded me by Rev. J. S. Neiffer respecting the Richmond Mission. This truly gratifying report, along with the others presented, will show to you the success of this Brother in the prosecution of a work which formerly engaged the efforts of our Church, and now

† Appeared after first session.

especially claims our most earnest consideration and active sympathy—that to it may be given our prayers and all material aid in our power, in order to place it beyond the possibility of a failure.

In February, a most favorable and satisfactory report was received from Dr. D.F. Bittle, President of Roanoke College, respecting the progress, deportment, &c., of Mr. E. E. Sibole. He does not need our recommendation to assure you of the high estimation in which he is held for his mental and moral worth. From Prof. Yonce the character-bill of Mr.V. Stickley was received. This and the letter accompanying it give satisfactory testimony to the good standing and persevering industry of Mr. Stickley.

I have no official information to report concerning Mr. Chas. Marks, to whom also an appropriation was made for pursuing his studies in Staunton, as none has been exhibited from his teacher; but have reason to believe that his moral standing and improvement commend him especially to your favorable notice and aid.

In March, an application was presented by Rev. E. H. Jones for *ad interim* license. This application was endorsed by various brethren of our Synod, but could not be entertained from the fact of its coming in conflict with the provisions of our Constitution. The 5th Section of Chapter IX. reads: "A majority of two-thirds of the ordained ministers shall be required, either for the licensure of an applicant as well as the renewal of his license, or the *admission* of an ordained minister of another denomination." The subsequent half of the same section was thus amended: "But during the recess of Synod, no applicant shall be licensed."

May 31. In a letter from Rev. G. W. Holland the pleasing intelligence was given that a lot had been presented for a parsonage in Harrisonburg, and, also, the organization of a new congregation at Edom. This brother feels the need of an appropriation voted to Harrisonburg at our last Synodical meeting, but to which the Treasurer, for want of funds, could not respond.

In March, Rev. D. H. Bittle informed me of the dedication of a new church, built under his supervision at Shepherdstown, W. Va.

The Rev. W. Eichelberger presented his certificate of honorable dismission from the Synod of South Carolina, and was received as a member of the Potomac Conference.

In September, the pleasant duty was assigned me, by Rev. L. Keller, of aiding him, in connection with Rev. W. S. Bowman of the South Carolina Synod, to dedicate St. Peter's Church, in Shenandoah county.

Sincerely grateful for the honor it was your pleasure to confer, and claiming your indulgence for the imperfect discharge of duties entirely new to me, I return the trust you gave into my hands, praying the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ to preside over all our deliberations, to fill each heart with a spirit of love and unity—that, being of one spirit in Christ, we may labor with unwearied faithfulness to advance the cause of our blessed Saviour in the Church of the Augsburg Confession; and thus may we love and labor until He shall call us to be with him forever.

Respectfully submitted, G. A. LONG, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary reports respectfully that, as instructed by Synod, he had published in the *Lutheran Visitor* an abstract of the proceedings of our last Convention, which appeared soon after its adjournment.

As ordered by Synod, he also had published 1,000 copies of the Minutes of Synod, and proportionately distributed among the several charges.

1868.	Dr.	
November.	To cash received for advertising in Minutes.....	$75 00
" " " "	from the Treasurer.....	33 76
		$108 76

1868.		Cr.	
November.	To W. K. Boyle, of Baltimore, for printing Minutes		$100 00
"	" Stationery, postage, &c		8 76
			$108 76

October 13, 1869. J. A. SNYDER, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

L. KELLER, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

1868.		Dr.	
Sept. 25—	To cash received from former Treasurer		$180 00
" 25—	" postage stamps received from do.		3 85
" 25—	" cash received from Pastors at Synod		736 90
" 25—	" " " " the Education Society		81 10
" 25—	" " " " Home Missionary Society		42 02
" 25—	" " " " Rev. J. A. Snyder (special)		15 00
" 30—	" " " " Rev. T. W. Dosh		125 00
October—	" " " " Rev. J. A. Snyder		11 00
Nov. 10—	" " " " Rev. R. C. Holland		27 00
1869.			
April —	" " " " Rev. W. Rusmisell		25 40
May —	" premium on specie ($13.08)		2 70
" —	" amount received from sale of stamps		1 65
			$1,251 62

1868.		Cr.	
Sept. 28—	By cash paid Rev. Peter Miller	$47 14	
" 28—	" " " Rev. G. W. Holland	25 00	
" 28—	" " " Mr. John Buchanan	20 00	
" 28—	" " " Rev. J. A. Snyder	29 50	
" 28—	" " sent to Dr. Bittle (Jubilee fund)	151 10	
" 30—	" " paid Revs. Dosh and Campbell	65 00	
Oct. 29—	" " " Rev. J. I. Miller	25 00	
" 29—	" " " Mr. Chas. A. Marks	25 00	
Nov. —	" " sent Rev. Prof. Smeltzer	125 00	
" 10—	" " paid Mr. E. E. Sibole	100 00	
" 10—	" " " Mr. Vastine Stickley	50 00	
Dec. 17—	" " " Rev. J. I. Miller	50 00	
	" " " Mr. Jacob F. Shirmer, through Rev. J. A. Snyder	10 00	
1869.			
Jan. 22—	" " " Rev. J. G. Neiffer	75 00	
Feb. 6—	" " " Rev. G. W. Holland	50 00	
" 17—	" " " Mr. Vastine Stickley	25 00	
Mar. 16—	" " " Mr. Chas. A. Marks	25 00	
" 30—	" " " Mr. E. E. Sibole	100 00	
" 30—	" " " Rev. J. G. Neiffer	50 00	
May 21—	" " " Secretary for printing Minutes	33 76	
" 5—	" " " Mr. Vastine Stickley	25 00	
June 3—	" " " Rev. J. G. Neiffer	63 00	
	" " " for P. O. money orders	3 25	
	" " " for postage stamps used	1 67	
	" " " " " on hand	33	
	" amount of worthless notes destroyed	4 25	
	" last quarter's app'n to Richmond Mission	62 00	
	" error in counting moneys at Synod	12 83	
			$1,253 83

Balance due me $2 21

LEVI KELLER, Treasurer.

These reports were received, and placed in the hands of the proper committees.

OFFICERS.

The election for officers of Synod for the ensuing year resulted as follows :

Rev. Joseph A. Snyder.....President.
" Webster Eichelberger..Secretary.
Mr. Henry S. Baker.....Treasurer.

Rev. W. S. Bowman, of the South Carolina Synod, was received as an advisory member.

Rev. S. A. Repass, of the S. W. Virginia Synod, was received as the delegate from that body.

I. *Resolved*, That our beneficiaries be received as advisory members.

Rev. J. G. Neiffer, of Richmond, having presented to Synod his credentials of dismission from the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania to connect himself with this Body, was received as a member, and his name recorded on the roll; also, that of his delegate, D. G. Yuengling.

II. *Resolved*, That the Minutes of last Synod be referred to a committee, who shall present such items as may demand the attention of Synod.

III. *Resolved*, That the President announce the appointment of the necessary committees at the opening of the afternoon session.

IV. *Resolved*, That the Officers of Synod, with the pastor *loci*, be a committee on devotional exercises.

V. *Resolved*, That, during this convention of Synod, its sessions be opened daily at 9 o'clock A. M., and at 2 1-2 o'clock P. M.; and also that a meeting for social prayer be held daily at 8 1-2 o'clock A. M.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. H. Bittle, D.D.

At 11 o'clock A. M., a sermon was preached by the Secretary. Text: Matt. xi: 28—30.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday, Oct. 15, 2 1-2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. C. Beard. The minutes of the first session were read and corrected. The President announced, as follows,

THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

No. 1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. J. H. Cupp, G. W. Holland and Mr. D. G. Yuengling.

No. 2. *On Secretary's Report.*—Revs. P. Miller, J. M. Schreckhise and Mr. Joseph M. Fray.

No. 3. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Revs. C. Beard, D. H. Bittle, D. D., and Mr. H. S. Baker.

No. 4. *On Minutes of last Synod.*—Revs. G. W. Holland, J. I. Miller and Mr. Jacob Swisher.

No. 5. *On Vacant Congregations.*—Revs. L. Keller, T. W. Dosh and Mr. J. Keplinger.

No. 6. *On State of Religion.*—Revs. D. H. Bittle, D. D., J. G. Neiffer and Mr. C. A. Marks.

No. 7. *On Ministerial Support, &c.*—Revs. A. A. J. Bushong, J. M. Schreckhise and Mr. J. J. Cullen.

No. 8. *On Letters of Excuse.*—Revs. J. G. Neiffer, I. Baker and Mr. H. S. Baker.

No. 9. *On Minutes of Sister Synods.*—Revs. W. S. McClanahan, J. G. Neiffer and Mr. J. W. Engleman.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

No. 1. *On Appropriations.*—Revs. R. C. Holland, L. Keller and Mr. J. H. Clemer.

No. 2. *On Roanoke College.*—Revs. J. M. Schreckhise, R. C. Holland and Mr. H. S. Baker.

No. 3. *On Letters from Superintendents of Railroads.*—Revs. J. Summers, B. C. Wayman and Mr. D. G. Yuengling.

No. 4. *On Dr. Martin Luther's "Church Postil."*—Revs. G. A. Long, W. H. Dinkle and J. G. Neiffer.

No. 5. *On Petitions.*—Revs. T. W. Dosh, D. H. Bittle, D. D., and Mr. J. Keplinger.

Parochial Reports were called for and read; after which the regular contributions were paid into the Treasury. (See Table of Statistics appended.)

Written Reports on State of Religion were read, and put into the hands of the appropriate committee.

Reports from Church Councils were read, and handed to the Chairman of Committee on Pastors' Support.

PROMISCUOUS BUSINESS.

Dr. Bittle moved that the resolution requiring Church Councils to furnish reports on the manner in which their ministers performed their ministerial duties be rescinded. Seconded. After some remarks upon the motion, it was moved, and the motion seconded, to lay it upon the table. Carried.

Revs. I. Baker and G. A. Long appeared at the close of this session.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. S. H. Repass.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 16, 9 A. M.

Synod was opened with singing, and with prayer by Rev. I. Baker.

The Roll was called, and absentees noted.

The Minutes of Second Session were read, corrected, and then approved.

Excuses for absence were called for and received.

Mr. Wm. C. Alther, of the Bethlehem Congregation in

Page County, was received as the delegate from that congregation, and his name placed on the roll of members of Synod.

Rev. R. C. Holland then introduced to Synod Rev. Mr. Anderson, of the M. E. Church South, who was cordially invited to a seat as an advisory member.

A paper, entitled "Propositions on Baptism," which was prepared by Rev. T. W. Dosh, as directed by the Potomac Conference, was received, and held for future consideration.

Rev. G. A. Long read his Parochial Report.

Mr. Wm. C. Alther read the Parochial Report of the Bethlehem Congregation in Page County.

Revs. G. A. Long, R. C. Holland, and J. M. Schreckhise now read their Reports on State of Religion in their charges. These reports were received, and handed to the Chairman of Committee on State of Religion.

VI. *Resolved* That we meet this evening as an Education Society; and, after the annual address appointed, take up a collection for the education cause.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. P. Miller.

At 11 A. M. a sermon was preached by Rev. D. H. Bittle, D. D., from Rom. 8 : 1.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, Oct. 16, 2 1-2 P. M.

The Fourth Session of Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. Summers.

The Minutes of the Third Session were read, corrected and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee No. 2, on Secretary's Report.

The Committee to whom was referred the paper marked No. 2 respectfully report that the Secretary of last year faithfully performed his official acts, and is entitled to the thanks of Synod in view of said faithfulness.

P. MILLER,
J. M. SCHRECKHISE,
J. M. FRAY.

Adopted.

Report of Committee No. 6, on State of Religion.

The reports on the State of Religion, from the ministers of Synod, placed in our hands, are gratifying. They manifest a marked advance in the Church embraced in our bounds; they speak of encouragement on the part of pastors, and a happy influence on congregations.

There is room for improvement in certain localities. This improvement will be realized by prayer and a faithful administration of the

Word. On the whole, we have reason to thank God and take courage.

D. H. BITTLE,
JAC. G. NEIFFER,
CHAS A. MARKS,
Committee.

Adopted.

Report of Committee No. 8, on Letters of Excuse.

We have in our hands letters from Revs. Wm. Rusmisell and J. F. Campbell, in which they ask to be excused from attendance at the present meeting of Synod on account of ill health. Your Committee recommend that they be excused.

JAC. G. NEIFFER,
I. BAKER,
H. S. BAKER,
Committee.

The Report was adopted.

Report of Committee No. 4, on Minutes of last Synod.

Your Committee, to whom were referred the Minutes of last Synod, have examined said Minutes, and find the following items claiming the attention of Synod:

1. On page 12, in the report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution of Synod, we find that the consideration of the question proposed in the ceremony of licensure and ordination was postponed until this meeting. Is the Committee prepared to report?
2. Did Rev. W. S. McClanahan visit, and preach for, the Martinsburg charge?
3. Have the Newtown and Strasburg congregations complied with the recommendation of Synod to form one pastorate?
4. Did Rev. J. H. Cupp visit the Mt. Zion's congregation in Tucker County, W. Va.?
5. Did Revs. Keller, Snyder and Geo. W. Holland visit the Monger congregation in Page County?
6. Did they assist in the dedication of this Church?
7. Did the Committee appointed to draft a Constitution for the management of our benevolent operations comply with their instructions?
8. Did the delegates to sister Synods attend?
9. Did the Treasurer collect the money due Synod from Revs. V. F. Bolton, G. W. Anderson, and Messrs. J. F. Diffenderfer and J. T. Lemley?

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. HOLLAND,
J. I. MILLER,
J. SWISHER,
Committee.

The Report was received and considered by items:

Item 1 was answered in the affirmative.
Item 2 " " " "
Item 3 " " " "
Item 4 " " " "
Item 5 " " " "
Item 6 " " " negative, —excused.
Item 7 " " " "
Item 8 " " " " —excused.
Item 9 " " " " —his efforts were unsuccessful.

The Report was then adopted as a whole.

VII. *Resolved,* That the Committee appointed to draft a Constitution

for the management of our benevolent operations be continued; and instructed, if unable to find the one adopted, but now lost, to prepare a new one.

VIII. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to write again to Rev. G. W. Anderson, and Messrs. J. F. Diffenderfer and J. T. Lemley, and inform them that if his letters be not responded to satisfactorily, the notes held against them will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

Report of Committee No. 3 on Treasurer's Report.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Report have examined the same, and are pretty well satisfied with it. We recommend that the $2.21 due him be paid.

C. BEARD,
D. H. BITTLE,
H. S. BAKER,
Committee.

Adopted.

IX. *Resolved*, That the approaching Anniversary of the Great Reformation—being Sabbath, October 31, be observed with appropriate services in all our congregations having appointments on that day; and, if practicable, that special collections be then taken up for the benevolent objects of Synod.

X. *Resolved*, That those congregations which may not be able to observe said day as recommended, be still urged to take up the collection suggested at the earliest opportunity thereafter.

XI. *Resolved*, That those brethren who have failed to bring the usual contributions to Synod, be required to forward immediately to the Treasurer the amounts thus raised by them.

XII. *Resolved*, That to meet more effectually the growing demands upon our Treasury, all our pastors be earnestly recommended to take up collections in their respective charges, either monthly, quarterly, or on all communion occasions, as they may find most practicable.

Synod adjourned—to meet, after the preparatory services, as a Ministerium. Prayer by Rev. W. S. Bowman.

The services preparatory to the Lord's Supper on the Sabbath were conducted by Rev. S. A. Repass.

Synod now met as a Ministerium.

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At 7 o'clock, P. M., Synod convened as an Education Society; when an address in behalf of an educated ministry was delivered by the appointed speaker, Rev. A. A. J. Bushong. He was followed by the Rev. Dr. D. H. Bittle with some impromptu remarks in behalf of the same cause.

The following life-members of the Society were made:

1. Mrs. D. H. Bittle.	4. Rev. R. C. Holland.
By Rev. C. Beard.....paid $10 00	By H. S. Baker.....paid $10 00
2. Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.	5. Mrs. —— Summers.
By J. M. Fray.....paid $5 00	By the Chair.....paid $10 00
Jno. Keplinger..... " 5 00	6. Rev. Jos. A. Snyder.
3. Mrs. R. C. Holland.	By Rev. W. S. Bowman..paid $1 00
By Rev. A. A. J. Bushong. paid $10 00	Mrs Summers..... " 1 00

By Mrs Susan Fray.....paid $1 00
Jos. M. Fray..... " 1 00
Miss Hester Fray.... " 1 00
Rev. G. W. Holland.. " 1 00
Jacob Swisher..... " 1 00
J. J. Cullen..... " 2 00
Jno. Keplinger..... " 1 00

7. Rev. T. W. Dosh.

By Mrs. Susan Fray.....paid $1 00
Rev. W. S. Bowman.. " 1 00
" G. W. Holland.. " 1 00
" J. A. Snyder.... " 1 00
J. M. Fray..... " 1 00
Alfy Carpenter..... " 1 00
Rev. J. H. Cupp..... " 1 00
Simeon Carpenter.... " 1 00
Rob. Hutchinson..... " 1 00
H. S. Baker..... " 1 00

8. Rev. W. S. Bowman.

By Rev. Peter Miller....paid $1 00
Mrs. D. Fray..... " 1 00
Miss —— Fray..... " 1 00
Jos. M. Fray..... " 1 00
F. J. Crigler..... " 1 00
J. C. Utz..... " 1 00
Rev. W. Eichelberger " 1 00
D. L. Crigler..... " 1 00
J. F. Hoffman..... " 1 00
Jno. Keplinger..... " 1 00

9. Miss Julia Bittle.

By Wm. H. Fray.....paid $10 00

10. Rev. Geo. W. Holland.

By Mrs. Susan Fray.....paid $1 00
J. C. Utz..... " 1 00
Mrs Lucy Utz..... " 1 00
Rich'd Blankinbaker. " 1 00
Thornton Berry..... " 1 00
Robt. Hume..... " 1 00
W. H. Huffman..... " 1 00
Miss Hester Fray.... " 1 00
G. A. Sprinkle..... " 1 00
H. S. Baker..... " 1 00

11. Mrs. C. Beard.

By Rev. W. Eichelberger. paid $1 00
" T. W. Dosh.... " 1 00
By Rev. J. A. Snyder...paid $1 00
" Dr. D. H. Bittle. " 2 00
" Geo. W. Holland " 1 00
" Wm. S. Bowman " 1 00
" J. Summers.... " 1 00
" J. H. Cupp..... " 1 00
" L. Keller..... " 1 00

12. Phelan Krigler.

By J. W. Engleman.....paid $1 00
Rev. J. M. Schreckhise " 1 00
W. C. Alther..... " 50
Rev. B. C. Wayman.. " 1 00
D. L. Crigler..... " 1 00
J. I. Hutchinson..... " 50
J. W. Wayland..... " 1 00
A. Grandchild..... " 1 00
R. M. Huffman..... " 1 00
F. H. Wayland..... " 1 00
W. H. Fray..... " 1 00
F. H. Hill..... " 1 00

13. Mrs. L. Keller.

By Miss Hester Fray....paid $1 00
Mrs. F. J. Crigler.... " 2 00
Mrs. Lucy Utz..... " 2 00
" E.F.Blankinbaker " 1 00
" R. Blankinbaker. " 1 00
" A. J. Carpenter.. " 1 00
" —— Hoffman... " 1 00
" Simeon Carpenter " 1 00

14. Rev. L. Keller.

By Mrs. —— Fray.....paid $1 00
E. F. Blankinbaker.. " 1 00
F. J. Crigler..... " 1 00
Wm. Blankinbaker.. " 1 00
—— Hoffman..... " 1 00
J. C. Crigler..... " 1 00
Dan'l Crigler..... " 1 00
Jos. M. Fray..... " 1 00
R. A. Hoffman..... " 1 00
Mrs. Jos. Crigler..... " 1 00

14. Mrs. Jos. M. Fray.

By Rev. W. S. McClanahan. paid $5 00
" W. Eichelberger. " 3 00
Joseph Keplinger... " 2 00

The audience was dismissed with the benediction.

SABBATH SERVICES.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., divine services were held; when Rev. S. A. Repass preached from I. Tim. 3 : 14, 15.

At 3 o'clock P. M., after some prefatory remarks by Prof. Davis, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered—first to the members of Synod, and then to quite a large number of communicants.

At the evening service, an ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. D. H. Bittle, from I. Cor. 11 : 1.

The Rev. R. C. Holland was then ordained as a minister of Jesus Christ, according to the formula prescribed in the Book of Worship.

FIFTH SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 17, 9 A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. J. H. Cupp. The roll was called, and absentees noted.

The minutes of fourth session were read and approved.

Excuses for absence were called for and given.

A letter from Rev. J. I. Miller, stating the reason of his non-attendance at Synod, was read. His excuse was received.

Report of Special Committee No. 3, on Letters from Superintendents of Railroads.

The papers of assignment in the hands of your Committee consist, first, of a favor from Mr. H. D. Whitcomb, General Agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, to sundry members of this body. We recommend that it be

XIII. *Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be hereby given to Mr. Whitcomb and the directors of said road for permitting a free return to the members of this Synod, who have paid full fare over their road on their way to this point.

The second assignment in our hands is a favor of like import from Mr. J. M. Broadus, Superintendent of the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad. We would also recommend that it be

XIV. *Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be likewise given to Mr. Broadus and the directors of this latter road.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SUMMERS,
B. C. WAYMAN,
D. G. YUENGLING,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Parochial Reports of the Richmond and Staunton charges were now read.

The Report of the Missionary at Staunton was read. Also, the Report on State of Religion in that charge.

Report of Special Committee No. 4, on Dr. Luther's Church Postil.

Your Committee upon Dr. Martin Luther's Church Postil deem the publishers worthy the gratitude of the Church; and we do most earnestly recommend this work to the favorable consideration of our ministers and people.

GEO. A. LONG,
W. H. DINKLE,
JAC. G. NEIFFER,
Committee.

Received and adopted.

Report of Special Committee No. —, on Mr. Dixon's Letter.

A letter has been received from Mr. — Dixon, of Baltimore, enclosing certain documents which he offers in payment of the amount due this Synod from him as a former beneficiary.

Therefore if, in the opinion of our Treasurer, they be deemed a full equivalent for the amount he owes us,

XV. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to surrender to Mr. Dixon all his bonds in our hands; or, in case any of them should have been misplaced, he give him a receipt in full, in lieu thereof.

T. W. DOSH, Committee.

Adopted.

Report of Special Committee No. 5, on Petitions.

The Committee on Petitions have considered the letter from the Harper's Ferry and St. Paul's churches of the Smithfield charge, asking, for reasons deemed satisfactory by your Committee, that they be united into a separate charge; also a petition from the Newport charge, asking authority to divide this charge into two self-sustaining charges. Therefore

XVI. *Resolved*, That the petition of the Harper's Ferry and St. Paul's congregations be granted; and that the Committee on Vacant or New Charges be instructed to make the arrangement desired.

XVII. *Resolved*, That the Newport charge be hereby authorized to divide, and organize itself into two separate charges—Bethany and Ludwig's constituting one, and Newport, Mt. Zion and Pastures, the other.

T. W. DOSH,
D. H. BITTLE,
J. KEPLINGER,
Committee.

Adopted.

Report of Committee No. 9, on Minutes of Sister Synods.

Your Committee have examined with much pleasure the Minutes of the South Carolina, Tennessee, Holston and Southwestern Virginia Synods. These Minutes evince encouraging progress.

We find only the following items claiming special attention from this body:

On page 21 of the Minutes of the Southwestern Virginia Synod, we find the transfer of the Richmond Mission to this body, on certain conditions. From previous action taken on this floor, in the reception of the pastor and delegate of that Mission, in connection with the statement of the Chairman of the Executive Committee of that Synod, your Committee regard those conditions as having been accepted by us.

On page 22 of same Minutes, we find it requested of our Synod to unite with theirs in supporting a Missionary in the city of Petersburg Therefore we recommend that it be

XVIII. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Appropriations be instructed to extend to that Mission such aid as our funds in hand may justify, after provision has been made for all of our own Mission points.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. McCLANAHAN,
JAC. G. NEIFFER,
J. W. ENGLEMAN,
Committee.

Adopted.

XIX. *Resolved*, That a Committee of the nearest pastors be appointed and empowered to dispose of the Green Spring Church property, if, in their judgment, it be advisable, and the owners of said property so desire.

Committee: Revs. T. W. Dosh, J. Summers and W. S. McClanahan.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. W. Dosh.

At the appointed hour in the morning, divine services

were held; at which time, Rev. W. S. Bowman preached from Matt. 28 : 18.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 18, 2 1-2 P. M.

The Sixth Session of Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Anderson, of the M. E. Church. The Minutes of the Fifth Session were read and approved.

Report of Committee No. 1, on President's Report.

The document placed in the hands of your Committee is the President's Report, giving an account of his official acts during the last synodical year, and other matters pertaining to the business of Synod. Our retired President has given us a faithful and business-like account of his official transactions during the last year.

1. The first item presented by him that will claim the attention of Synod is the Richmond Mission, under the pastoral charge of Brother Neiffer.

Your Committee recommend that it be

XX. *Resolved*, That this Mission have our most earnest consideration, active sympathy, our prayers, and all the material aid within our power, and necessary, in our judgment, to place it beyond the possibility of failure.

2. The next item has reference to our beneficiaries, Messrs. E. E. Sibole, V. Stickley, and Chas. Marks. Your Committee recommend that it be

XXI. *Resolved*, That these young brethren be given the continued aid of our Synod, according to its estimate of their respective necessities.

3. This item refers to the application of Rev. E. H. Jones, of the Methodist Church South, for *ad interim* license to preach in our ministry. Your Committee recommend that it be

XXII. *Resolved*, That the action of our President in reference to this matter be sanctioned, as in accordance with our constitutional requirements.

We notice one item of which our President omitted to remind Synod, viz: that it will be our duty at this meeting to elect delegates to the next meeting of our General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CUPP,
GEO. W. HOLLAND,
D. G. YUENGLING,
Committee.

Adopted.

Professor Davis made, at the request of Synod, some very interesting remarks on the condition of Roanoke College, in connection with a strong plea that it be encouraged and sustained by our people.

Special Report.

Having received in 1867, from the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the sum of three hundred dollars for the use of this Synod, and having held that amount in trust for some years by the direction of this body, I would now report the disposition which I have made of said funds.

Upon the recommendation of the Officers of Synod and some other brethren, I appropriated twenty-five dollars to the benefit of Rev. ——— and also loaned to Rev. J. I. Miller one hundred and fifty dollars, for

which he gave his note with good security. The balance, one hundred and twenty-five dollars, I handed in to the treasury of Synod at its last meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. DOSH.

Approved.

An election for delegates, clerical and lay, to the General Synod, and also to sister Synods, was held, and resulted as given on front page of Minutes.

XXIII. *Resolved*, That any member of this Synod who may expect to be present at a Convention of any one of our sister Synods during the present synodical year, may receive a certificate as a delegate thereto by applying to the Officers of Synod.

For the result of the election for Speakers for next Synod, see front page of Minutes.

For the result of the election for TIME and PLACE of next Meeting of Synod, see front page of Minutes.

Adjourned with prayer by Prof. Davis, to meet as a Ministerium.

At 7 o'clock P. M., Synod resolved itself into a Missionary Society, which then held its anniversary meeting. Rev. C. Beard, the appointed speaker, delivered the address.

Revs. Prof. Davis and D. H. Bittle, D. D., made additional remarks. It was proposed by the latter that the Madison congregation—having an endowment fund for the support of their own pastor—sustain our Missionary at Richmond during the ensuing synodical year. An effort was made in the congregation for that purpose, and there were secured the following

Subscriptions to the Richmond Mission:

Jos. M. Fray	paid	$20	Robert Huffman		$1
F. I. Crigler	paid	10	John M. Carpenter		1
Wm. I. Huffman		5	James Thomas		1
Wm. H. Huffner		5	R. T. Hume		1
Simeon Carpenter		10	J. E. Fray	paid	1
S. B. Carpenter		5	Miss Jennie Fray	paid	1
Robert Hutcheson		5	John P. Hutchison	paid	1
Cash		5	Mrs. Jos. Fray	paid	2
Robert A. Carpenter		1	I. A. Bushong	(quar.)	5
Sarah G. Crysuker		1	J. M. Lindsey	paid	5
Mrs. J. W. Putner		1 25	Wm. Blankinbaker	(quar.)	2
J. Thomas		2	Howard S. Huffman	(quar.)	2
Mary Huffman	paid	1	E. F. Blankinbaker		5
Alpha Carpenter	paid	1	O. J. Utz	(quar.)	5
Miss Hester Fray	paid	5	Mrs. Susan Fray	paid	2

There were then secured to the Society the following

Life Members:

1. Mrs. A. A. J. Bushong.
By J. H. Clemer.....paid $5
2. Mrs. J. G. Neiffer.
By Mrs Gen. Kemper.... $5
3. Rev. L. Keller.
By Father Krigler.....paid $5
4. Mrs. J. Keiser.
By Paul Keiser.....paid $5
5. Mrs. J. Summers.
By Rev. T. W. Dosh....paid $1
" W. Eichelberger " 1
J. I. Miller..... " 1
Mrs. Henkle..... " 1
Mr. Utz..... " 2
6. Prof. J. B. Davis.
By F. J. Krigler.....paid $1
Timothy Hutchison.. " 1
Miss Fray..... " 1
R. A Thomas..... 3
7. Mrs. C. Beard.
By J. W. Engleman.....paid $5
8. Mrs. T. W. Dosh.
By H. S. Baker.....paid $2
Prof. J. B. Davis..... 1
Rev. W. Eichelberger " 1
" G. W. Holland. " 1
9. Mrs. Gen. Kemper.
By Rev. J. G. Neiffer...paid $5
10. Mrs. Prof. Davis.
By Rev. C. Beard.....paid $5
11. Mrs. R. C. Holland.
By Miss Hester Fray....paid $1
Rev. J. I. Miller..... " 1
" Peter Miller.... " 1
Mrs. Annie Huffman " 1
F. J. Krigler..... " 1
Mrs. Henkle..... " 1
12. Rev. R. C. Holland.
By Mrs. Hutson.....paid $1
Oliver Utz..... 1
Mrs. Susan Fray..... 1
Robert Hoffman..... " 1
J. J. Cullen..... " 1
13. Mrs. Susan Fray.
By Rev. L. Keller.....paid $1
Mrs. L. Keller..... " 1
Mr. J. Utz..... " 1
Mrs. Summers..... " 1
Rev. R. C. Holland.. " 1
14. Rev. C. Beard.
By Prof. J. B. Davis.... $5

For the ensuing year there were made the following

Pledges:

By Rev. G. A. Long.....$25 00
" J. G. Neiffer..... 25 00
By Rev. J. A. Snyder.....$10 00
Mr. Jos. M. Fray..... 5 00

The audience was dismissed with the benediction.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Tuesday, Oct. 19, 9 A. M.

The Seventh Session of Synod was opened with singing, and with prayer by Rev. J. I. Miller.

The Minutes of the Sixth Session were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. J. I. Miller, having arrived on the previous evening, now took his seat as a member of Synod.

Report of Committee No. 7, on Ministerial Support.

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of presenting a report on Ministerial Support, respectfully submit the following:

After the examination of several written reports, and the verbal statements of the brethren, the Committee feel justified in stating that, in their opinion, our Church is as liberal in supporting her ministers as other denominations.

That not only have we stated salaries for our ministers, but in addition to these salaries many perquisites are given to them, by which some of their salaries are from $500 to $1,000; though those of others are far below these sums, as will be seen by referring to the Parochial Table. Surely the liberality of our people is commendable.

Your Committee would earnestly urge upon each member of the Church to give something in support of the ministry; for, in so doing, the burden of supporting a minister will not then fall upon a few members, but upon the entire congregation or charge. For, while some members are liberal, perhaps, even beyond their means, others have not done what they could.

We would also urge upon the Church Councils the duty of collecting the promised salaries of their respective ministers in due time, that there may be no cry among our pastors, "What shall we eat, and wherewithal shall we be clothed?"

Let the officers and members of each congregation be diligent in business, liberal in giving, and punctual in paying and collecting for their minister; and there will be no more complaint in the streets of our Zion, that the Lutheran Church poorly supports her ministers.

Remember, Christian brethren, that "to do good and to communicate, are sacrifices well pleasing in the sight of the Lord." "Remember them that have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God," that they lack nothing in a competent support for themselves and families.

May the Great Head of the Church pour out upon our beloved Zion the Holy Spirit, that we may be revived both in spiritual and temporal things! May He also open our hearts to receive His truth, and give us liberal minds, that we may freely contribute of our means to sustain His cause and servants.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. J. BUSHONG,
J. M. SCHRECKHISE,
J. J. CULLEN,
Committee.

Adopted.

Report of Committee No. 5, on Vacant and New Charges.

Your Committee find the following charges still vacant: Churchville, in Augusta county; St. Paul's and Bethlehem, in Page county; and the newly formed Harper's Ferry charge. Your Committee would recommend that it be

XXIV. *Resolved*, That Rev. W. H. Dinkle supply the Churchville charge this year.

Concerning the St. Paul's and Bethlehem congregations in Page county, we recommend that it be

XXV. *Resolved*, That the President of Synod and Rev. R. C. Holland be instructed to correspond with said congregations, and visit them, and aid them in procuring a suitable pastor so soon as Rev. Henkle's engagement with the St. Paul's congregation shall have expired.

With respect to the newly formed Harper's Ferry charge, we suggest that it be

XXVI. *Resolved*, That the Rev. W. Eichelberger be recommended to this charge as worthy of its confidence and support.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVI KELLER,
T. W. DOSH,
J. KEPLINGER,
Committee.

Approved.

Report of Special Committee No. 1, on Appropriations.

We recommend the following appropriations:

To E. E. Sibole	$200 00
To Vastine Stickley (including 1 year's tuition at Roanoke College)	125 00
To Wm. Y. Cline " " " "	100 00
To Chas. A. Marks	50 00
To the Smithfield charge, for ensuing syn. year	125 00
" " Richmond mission, " " " " in adv. payments	500 00
" " Staunton charge, " " " "	150 00

☞ This last appropriation is subject to reduction by profits accruing to pastor from the *Lutheran Visitor*.

XXVII. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay balance on the appropriations made last year, viz.:

To the Staunton charge	$ 25 00
" " Smithfield charge	100 00
" " Strasburg charge—Rev. G. A. Long	100 00
	$1,475 00

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HOLLAND,
L. KELLER,
J. H. CLEMER,
Committee.

Adopted.

Special Report.

I have the pleasure of reporting that the Ministerium of Pennsylvania recently placed in my hands, through its Treasurer, A. G. Geisenheiner, the sum of $200.00 for the use of this Synod. Therefore,

XXVIII. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our high appreciation of the consideration that prompted this unsolicited donation; and, accepting it as a token of their generous sympathy, we would assure them of our cordial reciprocation of their kind wishes.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. DOSH.

Adopted.

XXIX. *Resolved*, That the President authorize the Treasurer to pay all sums due on last year's appropriations, if they be demanded.

Report of Special Committee No. 2, on Roanoke College.

The Committee on Roanoke College regret the absence of any written report from this Institution. We are, however, gratified to learn, from the remarks of Prof. Davis, made upon the floor of Synod, that the College has shared, during the past year, a goodly degree of prosperity, and has entered upon the present Session with more flattering prospects than ever before enjoyed. Some of the signs of a brighter day for this Institution are. the increasing number of young men connected with the College claiming Lutheran parentage, and the large number preparing for the ministry. This indicates a healthy state of feeling upon the subject of Education in the Church, and that piety is progressing within the bounds of our Lutheran Zion. Strict discipline is maintained in the College, the morals of the students are attended to, and the Course of Study is as thorough as that of any Institution in the country.

This Institution merits and needs our encouragement and material aid. To strengthen the hands of those engaged in the interest of education is a noble work, and one which deserves our united energies, to make Roanoke College a praise and glory throughout the borders of our influence.

The Committee recommend that it be

XXX. *Resolved*, That, hereafter, the authorities of Roanoke College be

requested to furnish this body with an annual written report of its condition.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SCHRECKHISE,
G. W. HOLLAND,
H. S. BAKER,
Committee.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. M. Schreckhise.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, Oct. 19, 2 1-2 P. M.

The Eighth Session of Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. R. C. Holland.

The Minutes of the Seventh Session were read and approved.

The Committee on Revision of Constitution of Synod made its final report, proposing that the question marked (*b*) in the ceremonies of Licensure and Ordination be amended to read thus :

"*Do you believe the Augsburg Confession to be a correct summary and statement of the doctrines of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ?*"

After a full and free discussion of the question, the vote of Synod, on its adoption or rejection, was called for, and recorded. It stood as follows :

Clerical Delegates—Yeas : Prof. Davis, D. H. Bittle, D. D., I. Baker, J. H. Cupp, T. W. Dosh, J. A. Snyder, J. I. Miller, W. S. McClanahan, G. A. Long, P. Miller, W. Eichelberger, G. W. Holland, W. H. Dinkle, J. G. Neiffer and R. C. Holland—15.

Nays : J. Summers, L. Keller, C. Beard, J. M. Schreckhise and A. A. J. Bushong—5.

Lay Delegates—Yeas : Messrs. J. Keplinger, H. S. Baker, C. A. Marks, S. T. Shank and W. C. Alther—5.

Nays : Messrs. J. J. Cullen, J. W. Engleman, J. H. Clemer and Jos. M. Fray—4.

The required constitutional majority of three-fourths of the clerical vote having thus been given it, the President declared the proposed amendment adopted.

XXXI. *Resolved*, That one hundred dollars—if that amount remain in the treasury after all the appropriations be paid—be given to the Petersburg mission.

XXXII. *Resolved*, That Rev. J. G. Neiffer be requested to visit Fredericksburg, Va., and, if possible, to effect an organization there.

XXXIII. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered from the pulpit, by the pastor *loci*, to this people for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained Synod.

XXXIV. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to have 1,200 copies of the Minutes published.

XXXV. *Resolved*, That a synopsis of the proceedings of Synod be published, by the Secretary, in the *Lutheran Visitor*.

XXXVI. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be empowered to draw upon the Treasurer for the necessary funds to publish the Minutes.

XXXVII. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet at Shepherdstown, W. Va., August 11th, 1870.

☞General Synod will meet in Winchester, Va., June 9th, 1870.

Synod was closed by the President with the use of the form prescribed in the Book of Worship.

WEBSTER EICHELBERGER,
Secretary.

MINISTERIUM.

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FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, Oct. 16, 4 1-2 P. M.

The First Session of the Ministerium was opened with prayer by Rev. J. G. Neiffer.

The licentiates, Rev. R. C. Holland and B. C. Wayman, were examined.

I. *Resolved*, That the Rev. R. C. Holland be ordained during the present Convention of Synod.

II. *Resolved*, That Rev. B. C. Wayman be ordained as soon as he gets a charge.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Bittle.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 18, 4 P. M.

The Second Session of the Ministerium was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. H. Dinkle.

Messrs. Sibole, Stickley, Marks and Cline, applicants for aid as candidates for the ministry, were severally examined at some length by the proper Committee. The examination having proved satisfactory, it was

III. *Resolved*, That Mr. Sibole's appropriation be continued.

IV. *Resolved*, That Mr. V. Stickley receive $125; Mr. Wm. Y. Cline $100; and Mr. C. A. Marks $50.

V. *Resolved*, That Rev. B. C. Wayman's license be renewed for one year.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.

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I certify that the foregoing is a true record of the proceedings of the Fortieth Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Virginia, held in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Madison congregation, near Madison C. H., Va., Oct. 14—19, 1869.

WEBSTER EICHELBERGER,
Secretary.

STATISTICS COMPILED FROM THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHARGES	PASTORS	Congregations.	BPT'MS Infant	BPT'MS Adult	Confirmations.	Rec'd by Certificate	Communicants.	Removed.	Deaths of Members.	Funerals.	SABBATH SCHOOLS. Lutheran. Schools	Lutheran. Teachers	Lutheran. Scholars	Union. Schools	Union. Teachers	Union. Scholars	AMT'S PAID INTO SYNOD TREASURY. For Printing Minutes.	For Missions & Education.	Prayer Meetings.	Local Objects.	Gen'l Benevolence.	PASTORS' SALARIES. Promised.	Paid.	Perquisites.
Gravel Springs	Rev. J. Summers	4	7	...	3	...	270	..	3	10	5	...	...	...	...	...	$ 5 00	$ 35 00	3	$3,000	.....	$ 450	.....	$ 80 00
Shepherdstown	" D. H. Bittle, D.D.	1	20	6	35	7	280	5	2	6	1	6	175	1	10	50	5 00	85 00	2	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodstock	" L. Keller	4	20	15	59	...	250	5	7	23	1	..	....	4	..	..	5 00	9 30	4	.....	.....	550	$ 400 00	125 00
Mason	" J. W. Miller	1	5	...	4	...	90	..	1	6	..	..	....	..	..	..	5 00	10 00	..	.....	.....	300	60 00	.....
Waynesboro	" C. Beard	3	6	14	38	6	295	5	2	6	3	..	160	..	..	..	5 00	85 90	3	.....	$400 00	400	262 50	50 00
Preston	" J. H. Cupp	5	36	...	3	1	246	..	3	5	6	21	265	..	..	..	5 00	54 34	2	60	.....	569	175 00	65 00
Newport	" J. M. Schreckhise	5	7	22	28	2	00	1	2	15	1	7	40	4	30	150	5 00	28 00	3	.....	.....	439	325 25	50 00
Winchester	" T. W. Dosh	1	13	3	14	8	235	8	2	9	1	28	210	..	..	..	5 00	170 00	..	.....	$500 00	700	725 00	250 00
New Market	" J. A. Snyder	3	3	6	..	..	231	5	5	10	3	..	....	..	..	..	5 00	14 53	..	300	.....	470	234 00	100 00
Staunton	" J. I. Miller	1	4	...	5	3	81	3	1	3	1	12	60	..	..	..	5 00	43 00	1	300	.....	800	800 00	150 00
Newtown	" G. A. Long	2	4	1	11	...	140	1	2	7	2	30	200	..	..	..	5 00	.....	4	165	.....	356	.....	.....
Lebanon	" Wm. Rusmisell	2	6	...	4	...	160	..	..	8	2	14	108	..	..	..	5 00	25 00	2	141	.....	400	50 00	50 00
Capon	" P. Miller	6	12	9	19	3	230	7	4	13	6	31	181	..	..	..	5 00	18 26	4	140	.....	415	291 00	97 35
Mt. Tabor	" A. A. J. Bushong	1	18	30	42	...	212	8	1	6	1	10	50	..	..	..	5 00	.....	2	500	.....	600	600 00	75 00
Harrisonburg	" G. W. Holland	4	4	1	7	6	98	5	..	4	2	21	54	..	..	..	5 00	32 45	1	230	.....	350	181 75	90 00
Madison	" R. C. Holland	1	...	...	...	1	97	..	1	2	1	8	45	..	..	..	5 00	59 50	..	.....	34 77	600	.....	93 00
Richmond	" J. G. Neiffer	1	11	1	7	60	....	..	..	2	1	...	50	..	..	..	5 00	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Churchville	.....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 00	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centre(Bethl'm)	.....		...	...	...	...	65	1	1	1	1	7	75	..	..	..	1 30	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harper's Ferry	.....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smithfield	Rev. W.S. McClanahan	5	18	1	6	4	145	..	3	10	3	30	125	1	15	115	5 00	16 40	2	.....	.....	425	200 00	21 00
	Total	50	194	109	285	101	3325	54	40	146	41	245	1798	10	55	315	$96 39	$686 68	34	$6 336	$934 77	$7,824	$4301 50	$1,296 35
	Same last year	47	140	83	181	36	2880	28	39	133	30	163	1207	9	79	441	$89 10	$548 74	21	$ 7,200	$685 20	$5,304	$2099 25	$ 744 94

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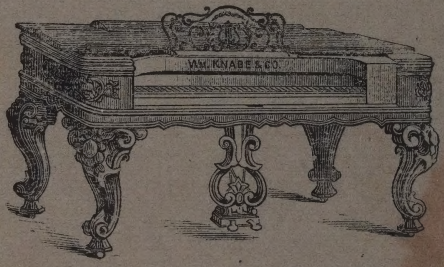

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